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JOINT RESEARCH WORK AND TRADE IN THE FIELD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government and United Kingdom have decided to take up joint researchwork and trade in the field of Biotechnology;

(b) if so, whether a group of experts representing the sector in the Karnataka State had a discussion with the delegates from UK led by Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the meeting called a detailed dialogue between Karnataka and the UK to strengthen trade relations in Biotechnology and its applications that can benefit the common man;

(d) if so, whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b) & (c) : Sir, no decision for a joint research work and trade in the field of Biotechnology with UK has been taken by the Karnataka Government. However, there was an informal discussion between group of experts representing the state and delegates from UK led by Prof. David King, Chief Scientific Adviser to UK government in which the possibilities of areas of co-operation have been discussed. The meeting did not call for a detailed dialogue between the Karnataka and the UK to strengthen trade relations in biotechnology and its applications.

(d): No, Sir.

(e):Does not arise in view of the reply to (d) above.